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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **YAMAMOTO, Shusuke et al.**

Group Art Unit: **3679**

Serial No.: **09/688,837**

Examiner: **FERGUSON, Michael P.**

Filed: **October 17, 2000**

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**FOR: PIN CONNECTION STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF CONNECTING MEMBERS  
BY PIN**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**

**GROUP ART UNIT 3679**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 11, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **March 15, 2005**, extended to **August 15, 2005** by a **two (2)** month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.